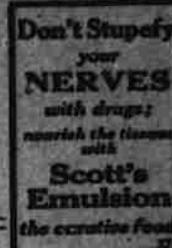




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FOURTH OF JULY

Will be Celebrated in a Sane Way at Louisa.

Everybody Invited to Come in and Help Celebrate Our Greatest National Holiday.

This year Louisa is going to celebrate the Fourth of July in fine style. If you doubt it read the program and be convinced. Music, vocal and instrumental, oratory, games, balloon ascension, and a crack game of base ball played by two good clubs. It would be worth a big admission fee to hear the various candidates tell how qualified they are to fill the various offices, and how poorly equipped the "other fellow" is. But the entire entertainment is absolutely free for all, and you are cordially urged to come and spend to come and spend the day in Louisa. We will help you make it a day of innocent enjoyment. You need the relaxation from your daily toil, and you need the celebration of the glorious anniversary as a patriotic reminder that the great things now enjoyed by us cost the blood and lives of those who fought that we may be free.

COME, and help us make the 4th of July, 1913, a great event in our local history.

Grand 4th of July Celebration, Louisa, Kentucky.

Calhounian Parade at 9 o'clock.

AMERICA, by 1000 Voices at the Court House Square.

"NET SOLO, "Last Rose of Summer."

Reading of the Declaration of Independence.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER, 500 Voices.

Red, White and Blue, Male Quartet.

CORNET SOLO, "Comin' Thru' The Rye."

Fourth of July Speech by Hon. C. F. AMUSEMENTS.

Back Race.

Potato Race.

Fat Man's Race.

Foot Race, free for all.

Obstruction Race.

Egg Race.

Balloon Ascension at noon.

At one o'clock p. m. every candidate for any county or district office, will be given a chance to announce his candidacy, declare himself, tell for what he stands, if he so desires. Speeches by candidates limited to five minutes each. Here is a chance to meet the people from all over the county. We'll be looking for you.

You are all cordially invited to be here and your committee will be disappointed if you do not come.

Mrs. Letitia Armstrong.

Paris, Ky., June 23.—Mrs. Letitia Armstrong, 70, died in a Lexington hospital last night, following a stroke of paralysis. The body was brought to the home of her sister, Mrs. Anna Embry, in this city, from which place the funeral will take place to-morrow. Mrs. Armstrong was the wife of Frank Armstrong, a former Sheriff and insurance man of Bourbon. Mrs. Armstrong lived with her daughter in Cannel City, before being brought to the hospital for treatment.—Lexington Leader.

Mrs. Armstrong was the mother-in-law of Mr. Sam Freese, formerly of this city. She was a woman of rare accomplishments and a musician of much ability. Mrs. Frank Freese, of this city attended the funeral at Paris.

WEDDED AT WILLARD.

Ashland Independent contains announcement of the wedding of Mabel Peay, of Willard, to Bert Evans, of Paintsville on June 21 at her home in Willard. For the past three years Miss Peay has been a teacher in the Paintsville High School and has won an enviable reputation as such. The young couple will reside in Paintsville. The bride is known in Louisa, where she has visited.

KENTUCKY PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The Kentucky Press Association had one of the most delightful meetings in its history week before last at Olympian Springs. There was a large attendance of congenial persons. The excellent programme was well executed. The popular President, Mr. Ed. Shinnick, of Shelbyville, made a pleasing presiding officer. Mr. John S. Lawrence, of Cadiz, was chosen to succeed him for the ensuing year. After thanking the Association for the honor John apologized for being the youngest man ever elected to this position. Some of those present believe John is older than he thinks he is.

The meeting began Monday and closed Friday. The program covered not only shop talk, but several topics of general interest, such as tax revision, education, good roads, prison reform, etc. Mr. Jas. Speed, of Louisville, who is an important factor in the movement that is arousing the State of Kentucky on the subject of education and good roads, made an interesting address. Lawrence was the only county that received special mention from him, and that was on the plan originated here to build a piece of good road at each school house in the county. He spoke of this as one of the best ideas of the present campaign.

Olympian Springs is a delightful spot, conceded to be the most attractive watering place in Kentucky. The main building is being enlarged and improved, to take care of the large crowds that always flock there.

ONE THOUSAND HOUSES.

Contract Let for Buildings in New Elkhorn Fuel Co. Town.

The Elkhorn Fuel Co. is about to begin the extensive construction required in connection with its plan for developing 300,000 acres of coal land—285,000 in Kentucky and 15,000 in West Virginia. This \$30,000,000 corporation, whose organization and plans were announced several months ago, has awarded contract to the Nicola Building Company of Pittsburgh for constructing 1000 buildings in connection with plans for a modern mining town in Letcher county, Kentucky, where developments will begin. These structures are mainly dwellings, but they include stores, business blocks, etc. The lumber and bricks needed will be manufactured by the Elkhorn corporation in plants which it is about to build. These will include works with a daily capacity of 50,000 bricks, and saw, planing and finishing mills with a daily capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber each. There will also be provided such public utilities as water-works, electric-lighting service, etc., for the town.

It is understood that the land to be developed comprises about 60 per cent. of the Elkhorn coking coal field, and lies principally to the north of the Consolidation Coal Co.'s development, being mainly in the watersheds between the Kentucky and Big Sandy rivers and north along Beaver creek and other tributaries of Big Sandy, Kentucky and Licking rivers. The lands are said to be underlain from 75 to 80 per cent. by the Elkhorn seam, which produces high-grade coking, gas-producing, open-hearth malleable and by-product coal. The seams are from four to eight feet thick, and are estimated to yield an average of 5500 net tons per acre. The analysis, believed to be the average quality for the entire region, is as follows: Moisture, 2.00; volatile, 35.00; fixed carbon, 59.00; ash, 4.00; sulphur, .75; phosphorus, .004. Manufacturers Record.

KENTUCKY KIDS BARRIED.

Children under the age of fourteen years cannot legally be employed by persons other than their parents. Attorney-General Garnett so declared in his written opinion to Commissioner of Agriculture Newman.

Many requests have been received by Newman from parents asking that their children under 14 years be permitted to be employed during vacation by persons other than themselves.

Attorney-General Garnett holds that even the Labor Inspectors shall not give a special permit for the children to become employed.

An Excellent Entertainment.

In the rush and hurry of last week the NEWS neglected to notice one of the best entertainments of the kind ever presented by the Sunday school of the Louisa Baptist church. It was the annual observance of Children's Day, and from invocation to dismissal it was a delightful occasion. It was a children's affair, with but little if any aid from their elders, and the varied programme was successfully designed to present them to the audience in a way which represented the day and what it was intended for. The participants in the unusually interesting exercises showed the result of careful and intelligent training, saying and doing in a very pleasing way what they had been taught to do and say. The NEWS refrains from making any individual mention of the children. All did well, and to make comparisons would be unfair to those not mentioned by name.

The final number was a pantomimic presentation by several girls of "Nearer, My God, To Thee," and was a most beautiful and effective rendering of that litany of the soul. The words of the hymn were sweetly sung by Mrs. W. D. Pierce, of this city.

CITY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

At a recent meeting of the Louisa Board of Education the following teachers were chosen for the ensuing term of the public school:

Prof. W. M. Byington, principal; Assistants, Prof. E. M. Kennison, Dock Jordan, Miss Sallie Gearheart, Miss May Sammons, Miss Virgie Hale, and Miss Alice Smith, of Cynthiana, Ky. Miss Smith is a sister-in-law of Prof. J. R. Johnson, of Eastern Kentucky Normal School. School will begin Monday, Aug. 11.

TWO FINE SERMONS.

Bishop Anderson, of Cincinnati preached what every one who heard it called a splendid sermon at the M. E. Church Wednesday afternoon. The Bishop is a man of great ability and learning, and much regret is felt that the inconvenient, and to many the impossible hour prevented a general hearing.

Dr. McClay preached at night, and notwithstanding the intense heat the audience packed the house.

AUTOS AND HACKS.

Regular automobile and hack service has been put on by the Consolidation Coal Company between McRoberts and Jenkins. The road recently completed by the company is a model highway. Two trips a day each way are made.

Only those who are familiar with previous conditions in that part of the State can appreciate the one now existing.

THE BEST OF ALL.

Good Roads Association Organized and Subscription List Started.

On June 14 citizens of Lower East Fork, Bolts Fork, Brammer Gap and Catt, and all that section of country met and formed a good roads association, dividing the road into sections from Bolts Fork to Webbyville for the purpose of putting it in good shape. There was a subscription list started and three hundred and sixty dollars subscribed towards working the roads.

We have not the names of all the parties who were there but V. B. Shortridge subscribed \$100; Jess K. Woods \$100; Morton Hammonds \$75, the money to be spent along the sections where the parties live donating.

A large crowd attended and much interest was shown.

This is a step forward in the march of improvement. The best men in the county are alive to the vital importance of the roads movement, and there should be not let up until the whole county is a network of highways fit for travel.

JUST RIGHT.

The Methodist brethren know exactly when the "sign" is right. Just now it is in the upper joint, varying sometimes to the pulley bone.

METHODISTS

Of Ashland District Hold Annual Meeting at Louisa.

Large Attendance and Good Program, Along With Able Preaching by Distinguished Ministers.

The Ministerial and Layman's Association of Ashland District, Kentucky Conference was held in this city in the M. E. Church June 23, 24 and 25. It was organized Tuesday, June 23, at 9 o'clock a. m. with the following officers and committees:

President, Dr. J. B. McClay; Secretary, Rev. G. N. Jolly; committee on pastors' salary, C. B. Plummer, O. J. Corder; committee on evangelization, J. A. Lewis, H. E. Trent, F. T. Kelley, committee on resolutions, A. P. Smith, H. D. Cooper, G. N. Bradford, committee on School, J. B. McClay, Bradford and Plummer, and committee on Benevolence, Corder, Rowe and Howes.

The following is the list of lay and clerical delegates:

Bishop W. F. Anderson, Cin'ti. Dr. J. B. McClay, Ashland, Dr. Gilliam, Ashland, Rev. F. T. Kelley, Russell, Rev. J. A. Williams, Ashland, Rev. H. E. Trent, Gallup, Rev. O. J. Corder, Paintsville, Rev. G. W. Howes, Olive Hill, Rev. Cyrus Riffle, Fullerton, Rev. G. W. Jolly, Greenup, Rev. G. W. Bradford, Vanceburg, Rev. W. M. Jones, Ludlow, Rev. W. H. Marrs, Vanceburg, Rev. A. W. Rowe, Pikeville, Rev. J. F. Ruggles, Advance, Rev. H. D. Cooper, Toleboro, Rev. A. P. Smith, Catlettsburg, Rev. J. A. Lewis, Pikeville, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Ashland, Mrs. Dora Bridge, Portsmouth.

The organization of association was preceded by devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Wade Rowe, formerly of Ft. Gay. All day sessions were held on Tuesday and Wednesday, when various topics interesting and of vital importance to the church were discussed. Symposia of Missions, Church Extension and Education were held at which the various phases of these subjects were presented.

On Monday evening Dr. J. B. McClay preached a splendid sermon to an audience which completely filled the church. His theme was "Four-Square men." It was a McClay sermon from exordium to peroration, replete with eloquence and spirituality.

On a belated C. & O. train Tuesday evening the Rev. Frederick F. Shannon, of Brooklyn, arrived in Louisa, where the friends of his youth delight to speak of him as "Our Fred." He and Mrs. Shannon and Frederick, Jr., went to the home of his brother, E. E. Shannon, where he was allowed to stay just long enough to eat and rest awhile after his long, hot ride from New York, where he was bundled across the street into a church where Jews and Aries were packed with people. After a glowing tribute paid him by Dr. McClay by way of introducing "a man who needed no introduction, as the doctor put it, Mr. Shannon presided a sermon which was a masterpiece—rich in thought and eloquent in utterance. With its wealth of scholarly knowledge and striking imagery it was simplicity itself.

His text was taken from the gospel of Luke, the 24th chapter and the eighth verse: And they remembered His word. His theme was Christianized memory.

Up to the eleventh hour and the fifty-ninth second of the fifty-ninth minute it was thought that Bishop W. F. Anderson, of Cincinnati, would preach Wednesday evening, but it was not to be so, for the Ohio prelate changed his hour to 2 in the afternoon, greatly to the disappointment of many, and went on to Paintsville, where he preached at night.

The efficient choir of the church was the means of rendering the evening services doubly attractive. It sings well under the direction of the pastor.

The famed Louisa hospitality was fully up to its high repute and was appreciated. Delegates, lay and ministerial, go away loud in hearty expressions of their warm regard for Louisa and her people.

A COMING EVENT.

An event which promises to be a notable and interesting one is set for Sunday evening next, and the fulfillment of the promise is assured. The occasion will be the annual observance of Children's Day at the M. E. Church South. The children of the church have had many very delightful entertainments of this character, the mere announcement of which invariably fills the commodious building full to running over. The programme for the evening has not been published, but the word has gone out that it is the best ever. There is high grade material to be used, and it will be handled in a way to gladden the eye and the ear of what should be a large and appreciative gathering. Let us hope the weather provided for this affair will for once be propitious.

A NEW PONY.

When Master Frederick Shannon, of Brooklyn, detrained at Louisa on Tuesday last he found a handsome Shetland pony waiting for him, the gift of his uncle Ernest. Frederick, the pony and George Mauger are inseparable, only occupying different stalls at night.

TWO-CENT FARE.

United States Supreme Court Upholds West Virginia Law.

The decision in the two-cent rate case has been awaited with great interest throughout the section of West Virginia traversed by the lines of the Chesapeake & Ohio and other lines which have been charging fare in excess of two cents per mile under the protection of temporary injunctions since the law went into effect in 1911. Under the original court ruling, that of Judge Burdette of the circuit court of Kanawha county, the railroad was ordered to issue coupons providing for the repayment of the excess charge in case the two cent law be sustained. Thousands of dollars worth of these coupons are held by travelers, speculators and others.

What preparation has been made for the meeting of the situation by the Chesapeake & Ohio is not known but it is not considered likely that, under the circumstances, the company will be seriously embarrassed.

The Chesapeake & Ohio, through its attorneys, started the fight on the two cent law after it had been in effect only a few months. An injunction order was issued prohibiting the attorney general of West Virginia and the prosecuting attorney of various counties from enforcing the two cent rate law. The injunction was finally dissolved by Judge Burdette and the railroad carried the case to the supreme court of the state which also refused to make the order permanent. Finally it was taken to the court of last resort where the law was finally upheld.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad has never contested the law but has operated on a two cent passenger rate since it went into effect in the state.

BAD ANKLE.

Ell Thornhill, of Saltpeter, is laid up with a very bad ankle. Some time ago he jumped from a moving N. and W. train and sustained a bad sprain, but did not think much of it until it began to swell and be painful. It went on from bad to worse until the services of a doctor became necessary. The injured ankle had to be split open for a considerable distance in order that relief could be given. This was done by Dr. Ira Wellman at the patient's home.

Railroad Work Suspended.

The C. and O. railway has ordered all improvement work on its lines suspended. This does not include the new line being built on Beaver, so we are informed. Shortage of money is given as the cause.

Fort Gay Arrest and "Escape."

On Wednesday of this week the Police Judge of Jenkins telegraphed here to arrest J. P. Matney, charged with stealing \$600. He was described as about 5 feet 10 inches tall, blue eyes, sandy curly hair, scar on nose and wrist.

A man said to fill this description as to the scars and practically in all respects except the curly hair and a slight variance in height, was found at Fort Gay, just across the river from here. He had just had his hair cut rather short and it is possible that the hair was somewhat curly when long.

He was arrested on suspicion by local West Virginia authorities. It was reported that he had a considerable sum of money, a pistol and a watch. Later it was reported that he had escaped from the guard. We are told that this guard was in Louisa yesterday and indicated that he did not want to hold the fellow to answer the charge of carrying a pistol. This offense calls for very severe punishment in West Virginia. Judge Wilkinson may not agree with this method of handling violators of the law.

Forty-Three Years Later.

In 1869 what is known as the Goodwin survey of the town of Louisa was adopted by the board of trustees as defining the limits of Louisa. The survey left many houses and fences on the streets, and sundry orders were passed from time to time by the board, directing their removal. Among others was what is still known as the Sweetnam property at the corner of Madison and Jefferson-sts. The fence on the west side of the residence was removed after much objection and long delay, but the house, now the property of Green Meek, of Huntington, remained on its original foundation until a few days ago, the work of its removal was begun. It will be moved to another site on the same lot.

SEVERELY HURT.

One day last week while James, the little son of Billie Wilson, was climbing over a pile of large water mains one of them rolled to the bottom, carrying the boy with it. It rolled over him, very badly bruising and mashing his face. His body was also painfully hurt. Medical aid was obtained and the lad is now not much the worse for his painful experience. The accident occurred near the freight depot.

LAST OF THE SEASON.

The Finch Club played the final games of the season on Thursday last, with Mrs. Guy Atkinson hostess. The occasion, like those which preceded it, was delightful and was much enjoyed.

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Atkinson's aunt, Miss Templeton, and her cousin, Miss Tadlock, both of Texas. The fall meetings of the club begin the first Thursday in October.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

There were 32 applicants for certificates in the June examination in Lawrence Co., 31 for County and 1 for State.

One first, nine seconds and one third grade certificate were issued, and 21 applicants failed.

N. F. Cordie made the only first class certificate issued.

Examination for colored applicants Friday and Saturday of this week.

RECEIVED PAINFUL HURT.

On Sunday last the little son of John Chapman was "passing" ball with a playmate about his own age, using a large marble for a ball. They were throwing it back and forth at a lively rate, when the Chapman lad missed it with his hands but caught it squarely between the eyes. It made a very ugly bruise which demands the attention of a doctor. He is all right now.

A CONSUMMATE NUISANCE.

Near the building in which the colored school is taught is an overflowing vault which has become a consummate nuisance. When the wind is from that quarter the stench is intolerable. In addition to this there are unlawful hog pens not far away which increase the foul odor. Complaint has been made but the nuisance remains.